AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

FIGs. 1-7, 9, and 11-15, have been amended. Specifically, each instance of the word "Java" has been replaced with the all-capitalized word "JAVA."

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract, on the last page, with the following amended Abstract:

A system and method for providing a ~~Java~~ code release infrastructure with granular code patching is described. ~~One or more Java c~~ Code patches, each including at least one resource unit are provided. Each resource unit includes metadata and file components. ~~One or more Java c~~ Code libraries, each including at least one resource unit, are patched. The metadata for each resource unit in the ~~Java~~ code patches is compared to the metadata for each such corresponding resource unit in the ~~Java~~ code libraries. Each resource unit in the ~~Java~~ code patches is merged into the ~~Java~~ code libraries for each such corresponding resource unit that is out-of-date as defined by merge rules. ~~Java a~~ Archive files, as defined by ~~Java~~ archive file definitions, are created or updated using the resource units from the ~~Java~~ code libraries, or, optionally, are deleted. The ~~Java~~ archive files are digitally signed also as required. The system and method enables ~~Java~~ source and derived code, ~~non-Java source, derived code,~~ and third party code to be patched granularly.